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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FINAL DAY OF WESTERN FIVE TALKS WITH SWAPO

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1. SUMMARY. WESTERN FIVE AND SWAPO MET AUGUST 11 FOR CONCLUDING SESSION OF TALKS. SWAPO APPROVED WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES WESTERN FIVE DRAFT OF NON-PAPER SUMMARIZING VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BOTH PARTIES DURING AUGUST 8 - 11 TALKS (REFTEL)B). SWAPO ALSO APPROVED WESTERN FIVE DRAFT OF PRESS STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY BOTH PARTIES SEPARATELY AUGUST 11 (REFTEL C). FIVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO

HOLD ANOTHER ROUND OF MEETINGS, BUT NO DATE WAS DISCUSSED. FINAL SESSION CONCLUDED WITH MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS AND HOPE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY.

2. CONCLUDING SESSION OF WESTERN FIVE-SWAPO TALKS WAS HELD AUGUST 11 AND LASTED FROM 1200 TO 1400.

3. SWAPO APPROVED, WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES WHICH WERE ACCEPTABLE TO FIVE, WESTERN FIVE DRAFT TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT (REFTEL C). IT WAS THEN AGREED THAT STATEMENT WOULD BE RELEASED BY BOTH PARTIES SEPARATELY AT 1500 AUGUST 11. SWAPO FURTHER STATED THAT IT WOULD NOT HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AND AGREED TO LIMIT ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESS AND TO AVOID SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS. SWAPO APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND WESTERN FIVE CONCERN THAT PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO INHIBIT PROGRESS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

4. WESTERN FIVE THEN PRESENTED SWAPO WITH DRAFT TEXT OF NON-PAPER AND EXPLAINED THAT NON-PAPER IS DESIGNED ONLY FOR THE USE OF PARTICIPANTS AND TO ENSURE AN ACCURATE SUMMARY OF VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE TALKS. IT WILL BE USED BY FIVE AS BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR OUR OWN GOVERNMENTS TO
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ENSURE AN ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED PRIOR TO ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER PARTIES. AMB. MCHENRY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NON-PAPER BEING TIGHTLY HELD BY FIVE AND SWAPO AND THAT IT NOT BE SHOWN TO ANYONE ELSE. AFTER READING NON-PAPER SWAPO REVIEWED IT WITH FIVE PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH. AFTER SUGGESTING RELATIVELY MINOR CHANGES, ACCEPTABLE TO FIVE, SWAPO APPROVED THE NON-PAPER (REFTEL B).

5. TOWARDS END OF SESSION WE RAISED OUR DESIRE TO HOLD ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS. NUJOMA SAID THAT SWAPO LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN SUCH EXCHANGES. NO DATE WAS DISCUSSED, BUT FIVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH SWAPO ON MATTER.FIVE ALSO MENTIONED THAT WHILE LAGOS CONFERENCE (AUGUST 22-26) IS PROBABLY TOO SOON TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANOTHER ROUND, IT MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS. NUJOMA SAID THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

6. FINAL SESSION CONCLUDED WITH MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE ROUND OF TALKS. IN THANKING SWAPO, MCHENRY ASSURED SWAPO OF THE HIGH PRIORITY THAT THE WESTERN FIVE GOVERNMENTS PLACE ON THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION.

7. COMMENT: FINAL SESSION WAS LIKE PREVIOUS SESSIONS, BUSINESS-LIKE BUT REFLECTED SOME WARMING-UP ON THE PART OF THE SWAPO DELEGATION. FIVE WILL BE SENDING JOINT EVALUATION OF TALKS TOMORROW. END COMMENT.
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